



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 364

LCO No. 1689



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING'S
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING INITIATIVE STATUTE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-485c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in
4 collaboration with the Commissioners of Social Services, Correction,
5 Children and Families, [and] Housing, Developmental Services and
6 Veterans' Affairs, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and the
7 Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, shall establish
8 permanent supportive housing initiatives to provide additional units
9 of affordable housing and support services to eligible persons.
10 Individuals and families with special needs and individuals and
11 families that are homeless or at risk for homelessness shall be eligible
12 for such permanent supportive housing initiatives.

13 [(b) Permanent supportive housing initiatives and support services
14 shall be provided to: (1) Eligible households, as defined in section 17a-

15 484a; (2) families who are eligible under the temporary assistance for
 16 needy families program; (3) adults who are eighteen to twenty-three
 17 years of age, inclusive, and who are homeless, or at risk for becoming
 18 homeless because they are transitioning from foster care or other
 19 residential programs; and (4) persons with serious mental health needs
 20 who are community-supervised offenders supervised by the executive
 21 or judicial branch.]

22 [(c)] (b) The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall issue one
 23 or more requests for proposals by persons or entities interested in
 24 participating in such permanent supportive housing initiatives to
 25 applicants that include organizations deemed qualified to provide
 26 services by the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
 27 Social Services and Children and Families. The Connecticut Housing
 28 Finance Authority shall review and underwrite development projects
 29 undertaken pursuant to such permanent supportive housing
 30 initiatives.

31 [(d)] (c) The Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services
 32 and Social Services shall issue, within available appropriations, one or
 33 more requests for proposals in a scattered site model for homeless
 34 individuals with psychiatric disabilities and substance use disorders.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2014 | 17a-485c |

HSG *Joint Favorable*